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--ABSTRACT--

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The invention relates to a manner of integrating an OAM functionality into an MPLS network with little cost within MPLS networks. MPLS-OAM packets are thus provided. The above are added to the stream of useful data packets and are differentiated from the MPLS packets by means of a particular marking or code provided within the packet header.